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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 June 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 17 and 18 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-16, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 June 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

Figure 22 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-16, 19 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As per claim 1, lines 6-9, the recited limitation “said emissive layer possessing at the said of the front side, a polarization separator which separates the light emitted from the emissive layer into two kinds of polarized components by the reflection and the transmission,...” is not clear. It appears that the term “at the said of the front side” should be changed to –at the front side thereof—, and the term “two kinds of polarized components by the reflection and the transmission” should be changed to ---two kinds of polarized light components by a reflection and a transmission--. In lines 13 and 14, “the” before “circularly polarized light” and “vertical direction”, respectively, should be changed to –a--.

In claim 4, line 5, change “said” before “polarizer plate” to –a--.

In claims 5 and 9, line 4, respectively, change “the” before “selective reflection” to –a--.

In claim 6, line 2, change “the” before “position” to –a--.

In claim 10, line 5, change “the” before “selective reflection” to –a—and in lines 7 and 8, change “the” before “layer” and “maximum reflectance”, respectively, to –a--.

In claim 12, line 4, change “said” before “substrate” to –a--; in lines 7, 11 and 15, change “the” before “position” to –a--.

In claim 13, line 4, change “the “ before “wavelength range” and “maximum selective reflection”, respectively, to –a--.

In claim 14, line 7, change “said” before “polarizer plate” to –a--.

In claim 15, lines 2 and 3, change “devices” to –device—and “diodes” to –diode--.

In claims 19 and 20, line 2, respectively, change “elements” to –element--.

Claims 2, 3, 7, 8, 11 and 16 are rejected by virtue of their dependencies on the independent claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17 and 18 are allowed.

Claims 19 and 20 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art fails to disclose "said polarization separator having a reflectance of the wavelength range from 520 nm to 600 nm smaller than a reflectance of range not more than 510 nm (claim 1); "said polarization separator comprising cholesteric liquid crystal layer and said phase plate comprising a quarter wave plate" (claims 17 and 18).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Liao et al., Patent No. 6,717,358, « Cascaded organic electroluminescent devices with improved voltage stability ».

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Haissa Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-1827. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 A.M.-6:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571)272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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